

# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT RECORD EASTERN INTERIOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

***Meeting Location:*** Delta Community Center, Delta, Alaska

***Meeting Date:*** April 17, 2008

***Purpose:*** Identify public issues and concerns with BLM managed lands in the Eastern Interior Planning Area.

***Number of public in attendance:*** 6 signed in; 2 did not sign in

***BLM personnel in attendance:*** Lenore Heppler (Manager), Jeanie Cole (Planning), and Collin Cogley (Recreation).

## ***Meeting format:***

**3-6 pm:** Open house with maps and other information on display. BLM staff discussed maps with the public and answered questions. The public had the opportunity to review maps of land status, PLO locations (mineral entry), Recreation opportunity spectrum, and OHV designation in the Steese and White Mountain subunits, current fire management options, and wildlife habitat and game management units.

**6-8 pm:** BLM was available give a power point presentation on why we are doing a new RMP, what an RMP does, and the types of decisions that might come out of an RMP. But no one chose to stay for the presentation. BLM staff answered questions for public who came in between 6 and 8. Participants were asked to express their concerns and issues with BLM-managed public lands or submit written comments.

**Handouts:** An Interested Party letter explaining the types of decisions made in the RMP and giving an overview of the initial steps in planning was available. In addition, a small map of the planning area, copies of the existing RMPs for the Steese, White Mountains and Fortymile, and brochures on the Fortymile management unit were available. A scoping comment sheet that could either be filled out at the meeting or returned to BLM at a later date was also available.

**Issues/Questions/Concerns:** There is very little BLM-managed land close to Delta. Most people looked at the maps, asked a few questions and left. No one submitted written or oral comments during the meeting. People were interested in trails and access for recreation and other purposes.